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To The President,
Toronto University,

Dear Sir,

(1) Would you kindly inform me if Universities (your University) claim to supply Knowledge to the People?

(2) & to answer questions relating to their Problems, or difficulties, if the Universities professors possess the necessary knowledge?

(3) are Universities helped to be supported by the Public, or by contributions from wealthy persons?

(4) will they (the Universities) accept money or donations from Citizens?

answers to these questions will be thankfully received by.

a Citizen.

H. Cavanagh.

Stamps for reply enclosed.

April 15th, 1918

P. Cavanagh, Esq.,

101 Floor Street West, Toronto.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your questions with regard to the Universities I may say that the functions of the Universities are twofold: (1) To educate the youth of a country in the higher branches, particularly in the Arts course, and giving them such professional training as is deemed for the various walks of life. In addition to this the professors and teachers in Universities are constantly endeavouring to make investigations, adding to the knowledge of their subjects. In this way by means of libraries and laboratories all great universities are constantly widening the domain of human knowledge, and making contributions for the general improvement of human life.

(2) A university cannot undertake to answer all the problems or difficulties that may be presented, for such as you may realize the professors and teachers are not of only limited knowledge and understanding, but I am sure that in so far as the question asked lay within their domain or knowledge they will endeavour to the utmost of their ability to answer any question that any one may present to them.

(3) Some Universities are supported entirely by contributions from rich men or from a large number of contributors who have given comparatively small amounts, but a great university to-day is so expensive that it is becoming more necessary for them to receive support from the State. The University of Toronto for instance is supported

by the State, tut there have also been very large contributions made through the generosity of wealthy citizens of the Province.

(4) Universities will gladly accept donations from citizens, on the condition always that the Board of Governors of the University must retain the right to determine whether or not the object for which the money is given is one for which they are willing to provide instruction in the University.

I hope that these answers will be satisfactory to you. Any further questions shall be gladly replied to to the best of my ability.

Yours sincerely,

President.